

Introduction of New Services in North-Eastern States

3105. SHRI ONWARD L. NONGTDO: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to introduce new flights for Patna-Guwahati and other North-Eastern States;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether existing flights on these routes are insufficient; and

(d) if so, the steps being taken or proposed to be taken by Government to increase the number of flights on these routes?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI SHARAD YADAV): (a) to (d) At present no scheduled airline is operating air services on Patna-Guwahati. However, a schedule of airline operations in the North East is enclosed as Statement. (See below).

With a view to achieve better regulation of air transport services and taking into account the need for air transport services of different regions in the country, Route Dispersal Guidelines have been framed which, *inter alia*, stipulate that all scheduled operators will deploy in the North East, Jammu & Kashmir, Lakshadweep Islands and Andaman and Nicobar Islands (Category-II routes), at least 10% of their capacity deployed on Trunk Routes (Category-I routes)

Airlines are free to provide air services to specific places depending upon the traffic demand and commercial viability subject of course to compliance with the Route Dispersal Guidelines.

Statement***Operations to North-East Region by Scheduled Airlines
(As on 15th July 2000)***

Airlines	Sector	Frequency (flights/ week)
ASSAM		
Dibrugarh		
Sahara India Airlines	Delhi-Guwahati-Dibrugarh-Guwahati-Delhi	7
Indian Airlines	Calcutta-Dibrugarh-Calcutta	4
Jorhat		
Jet Airways	Calcutta-Jorhat-Imphal-Jorhat-Calcutta	2
Indian Airlines	Calcutta-Jorhat-Dimapur-Calcutta	2
Guwahati		
Indian Airlines	Calcutta-Guwahati-Calcutta	7
	Delhi-Guwahati-Imphal and return	2
	Delhi-Bagdogra-Guwahati-Delhi	2
Alliance Air	Agartala-Guwahati-Agartala	3
	Delhi-Guwahati-Delhi	2
	Delhi-Bagdogra-Guwahati-Delhi	1
Sahara India Airlines	Delhi-Guwahati-Dibrugarh-Guwahati-Delhi	7
Jet Airways	Delhi-Guwahati-Bagdogra-Delhi	3
	Delhi-Bagdogra-Guwahati-Delhi	4
	Calcutta-Guwahati-Calcutta	10
	Calcutta-Guwahati-Imphal-Guwahati-Calcutta	2
Lilabari		
Nil		
Silchar		
Alliance Air	Calcutta-Silchar-Imphal and return	3
	Calcutta-Silchar-Calcutta	3
Tezpur		
Alliance Air	Calcutta-Tezpur-Dimapur-Calcutta	2

Airlines	Sector	Frequency (flights/ week)
ARUNACHAL PRADESH		
Nil		
MANIPUR		
Imphal		
Indian Airlines	Delhi-Guwahati-Imphal and return	2
	Calcutta-Imphal-Calcutta	1
Alliance Air	Calcutta-Silchar-Imphal and return	3
	Calcutta-Aizwal-Imphal and return	3
Jet Airways	Calcutta-Guwahati-Imphal-Guwahati-Calcutta	2
	Calcutta-Jorhat-Imphal-Jorhat-Calcutta	2
MIZORAM		
Aizwal		
Alliance Air	Calcutta-Aizwal-Imphal and return	3
MEGHALAYA		
Nil		
NAGALAND		
Dimapur		
Alliance Air	Calcutta-Jorhat-Dimapur-Calcutta	2
	Calcutta-Tezpur-Dimapur-Calcutta	2
TRIPURA		
Agartala		
Indian Airlines	Calcutta-Agartala-Calcutta	9
Alliance Air	Calcutta-Agartala-Calcutta	3
	Agartala-Guwahati-Agartala	3

Payment of Royalty to Parent Companies

3106. SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are considering to re-examine the issue of allowing payment of 100 per cent royalty by Indian subsidiaries to the parent foreign company;

(b) whether his Ministry is keen to do away with the present restrictions.